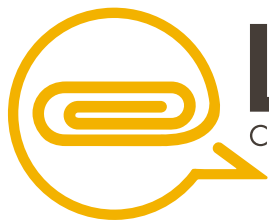




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# LINK4

COOPERATION PROJECT



# Strengthening local participation and cooperation through partnership of Public Authorities and CSOs in Bosnia and Herzegovina- **LINK 4 Cooperation**

Local Democracy Agency (LDA) Mostar in partnership with the Local Democracy Agency Zavidovići, Local Democracy Agency Prijedor, Center for Development of Herzegovina (CRH) Trebinje, ALDA – the European Association for Local Democracy and ALDA Skopje as an associate partner implements a three-year project "Strengthening local participation and cooperation through partnership of Public Authorities and CSOs in Bosnia and Herzegovina - LINK 4 Cooperation".

The project promotes principles of good governance with a view to effective and responsive performance of the local government units in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project has aimed at strengthening the capacity of local authorities (elected leaders and civil servants) and civil society organization (CSO) in conducting participatory processes to identified specific problems in local community and, thanks to that participatory approach, find the most optimal solutions for these problems.

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the capacities of CSOs engaged in public policy processes to become skilled and reliable partners in policy-making and reform processes in B&H.

## Specific objectives:

1. Create stronger links to citizens by engaging in public policy process, reaching out to society as a whole including marginalized groups and grass root communities and encouraging civic activism and public participation in policy-making;
2. Improve capability, transparency and the responsibility of local self-government;
3. Increase the effectiveness of CSOs;
4. Reach out to local government on a way for it to enable policies and procedures for civic initiatives of local organization;
5. Create networks of CSOs for coalition-

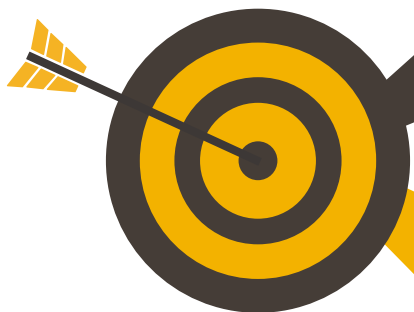
building for increased impact in campaigning and advocacy.

The project includes Berkovići, Jablanica, Kostajnica, Maglaj, Mostar, Nevesinje, Novi Grad, Prijedor, Ravno, Trebinje, Zavidovići and Žepče.

The donor of the project is the European Union. The total value of the project is EUR 545,897.00, of which the EU finances 89.92%.

## Ultimately ...

*... by creating a stronger links with citizens, involving them in the public policy processes, reaching out to the entire social community,*



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local CSOs and organizations from BiH involved in various project activities respecting the geographical and thematic balance

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local self-government units - municipal administrations and local councilors from BiH involved in different project activities respecting the geographical and ethnic balance

*including the marginalized groups and local communities, we encourage civic activism and public participation in policy making ...*

*... we improve the ability, transparency and local accountability of self-government ...*

*... we increase the effectiveness of CSOs ...*

*... we reach out to local government in a way for it to enable policies and procedures for civic initiatives of local organizations ...*

*... we create a network of CSOs to build the coalition for increased influence on campaigns and advocacy ...*

The main project activities are:

- Training for trainers (ToT) on the application of the Council of Europe methodology – European Label of Governance Excellence (ELoGE)
- Needs assessment in accordance with the ELoGE methodology in the area of 12 local governments
- Training to strengthen the capacity to assess and monitor the local level of good governance using participatory methods for representatives of 12 local governments and local CSOs (Council of Europe's LAP – Leadership Academy Program)



- Participatory process training related to local issues for representatives from 12 local governments
- Support to local CSOs from BiH through the award of small grants
- Forums for presenting best practices of cooperation / cooperation between local CSOs and local authorities and forming an informal network in the project area
- Implementation of digital democracy / democracy through the installation of 12 smart benches in 12 local communities from the project area
- Final project conference

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partner organizations working on strengthening the cooperation between municipalities, cities and local civil society organizations (CSOs) in BiH

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municipalities and cities in BiH participates in the process of evaluation and improvement of public services

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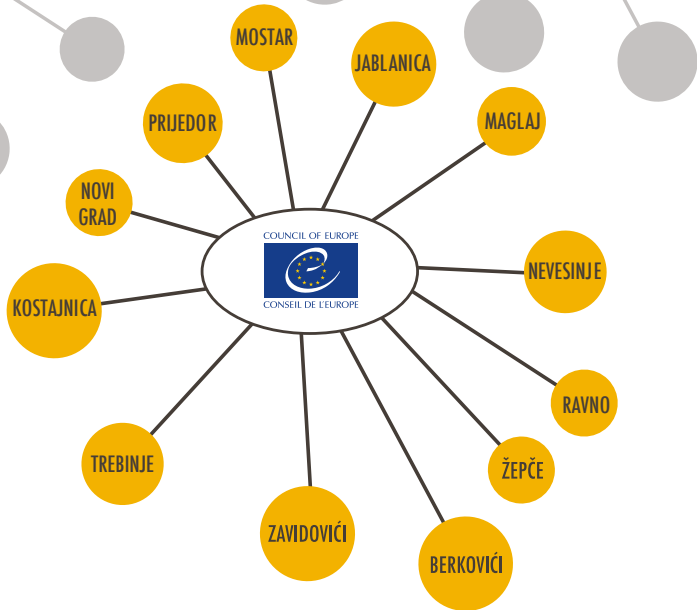


local communities realizes progress by improving public service in each of the municipalities

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local CSOs are building addressing capacity problems in the community using participatory methods of sustainable and fair solutions



## Our task is to...

- Enable the creation of new partnerships
  - Encourage networking
- Build new and strengthen existing capacities
  - Educate and expand knowledge
- Raise awareness of citizens and local authorities
  - Strengthen civil society organizations
- Encourage direct citizen participation in the decision-making process in the local community, ie the development of participatory democracy during project implementation from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2023



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